No. of Distt.	Name of District	No. of households provided employment
10.	South 24 Parganas	259027
11.	Cooch Behar	
12.	Nadia	
13.	Barddhaman	
14.	Medinapur (East)	
15.	North 24 Parganas	
16.	Hooghly	
17.	Darjiling	
	Total	3083757

Districts covered under NREGA

†4565. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in how many districts the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is being implemented as on date;

(b) how many districts Government propose to cover every year under the said scheme;

(c) whether Government have issued any circular to all the States to expand the ambit of the scheme;

(d) if so, when and which States have responded; and

(e) how much amount for this scheme has been demanded by the Ministry from the Planning Commission, for the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) As on date, National Rural

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 is being implemented in 313 districts of the country.

(b) In accordance with Section 1(3) of the NREG Act, 2005 it shall be applicable to the whole of the territory to which it extends within a period of five years from the date of its enactment *i.e.* up to 7th September, 2010.

(c) No, Sir. Areas in a State to be covered under NREGA are identified by the Central Government.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Ministry has demanded a sum of about Rs. 1,00,000 crore in the Eleventh Five Year Plan for implementing NREGA.

Drinking water to 74,000 habitations under Bharat Nirman

4566. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had promised to provide drinking water to the remaining 74,000 habitations, that are uncovered by 2008-09 under Bharat Nirman;

(b) how much money was utilized in the financial year 2005-06 and the first three quarters of 2006-07, for Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and how many households have been provided with drinking water facilities; and

(c) what is Government's Programme to cover the rest of the habitations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Out of 74,000 uncovered habitations which were reported uncovered as per Comprehensive Action Plan 99 (CAP 99) based on coverage in previous years, under Bharat Nirman programme for rural drinking water supply, it is proposed to cover uncovered habitations as well as to address issues of quality and slippages.

During 2005-06 a total amount of Rs. 5946.25 crores have been utilized for covering 97215 habitations which included uncovered as also partially